over with him the most part of his household, and a great number of captains and gentlemen My Lord Southampton, Lord Donkelly and others are in London, but not yet gone to Court

One thing is much spoken of My Lord of Essex coming in to Westminster Bridge, he took oars and went to Lambeth, and there took such horses as he found staying for their masters Sir Thomas Gerrard's horses were in the ferry boat coming over, ready to land But my Lord went away, and Sir Thomas over-took him, and understanding that my Lord Grey was a little before nd somewhat hard till he overtook him also, and told him my Lord of Essex was a little behind if he would speak with him * No/ said the Lord Grey, * I have some business at Court' * Then I pray you,[3] said Sir Thomas Gerrard, [c] let my Lord of Essex ride before that he may bring first news of his return himself [J] ' Doth he desire it ? ' said my Lord Grey [f] No/ said Sir Thomas,* nor I think will desire nothing at your hands [5] [c] Then/ said he, ' *I* have business *, and made greater haste than before And indeed came to the Court a quarter of an hour before the Earl and went up to the Secretary , but tie Earl was come ere any tidings was brought upstairs

It is a very dangerous time for courtiers, for the head of both factions being at Court a man cannot tell how to govern him-self towards them There is such observing and prying into men's actions that they are to be holden happy and blessed that are away

29*4 *September* MY LORD OF ESSEX.

Late last night, between 10 and n o'clock, a commandment came from the Queen to my Lord of Essex that he

should keep
his chamber To-day the Lords sat in Council but
the Earl was
not there till 2 in the afternoon, when he was
sent for When
he came in all the Lords rose and saluted him ,
but they sat
again. My Lord stood at the upper of the board,
his head bare,
to answer all that objected against him Mr
Secretary at the
otter end in divers articles delivered the offence
her Majesty
conceived he had done against her From 2 until
5 they re-
mained in council, very pnvate, for the clerks were
commanded
cm. It is said that never man answered with
more temper,